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Santa calls on HHHS

Christmas has arrived early for Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) Board. The pre-Christmas surprise was delivered in the form of an announcement from the Ministry of Health of an infusion of almost \$200,000 into the board's operating budget.

The additional funding is being made under two separate programs. The first, \$99,292, has been allocated to the Health Services Board for transitional purposes. According to the provincial press release, the government has recognized that the restructuring which hospitals have been undergoing has resulted in a number of exceptional costs and expenses. The need for the additional support was identified by a special body established to advise the government on extraordinary needs of hospitals as a result of the restructuring process. Some \$100 million has been allocated for this purpose across the province.

HHHS board Chair Hugh Nichol was pleased with the announcement. "Basically it buys us another year," Nichol stated referring to the impact on this year's deficit, which was predicted to be \$125,000. "This is a relief...it brings us one year closer to completing the capital works and realizing the efficiencies that these new facilities will bring us."

Nichol noted that since taking over the two hospitals, the operating budget has been cut by 11%. He pointed out that similar cuts have been imposed across the province and that most hospitals were 'hurting'. "We haven't been alone in this," he added.

In this regard, the chair said he wasn't sure if the transitional funding represented a one time infusion or if it was a recognition of the under-funding experienced by hospitals across the province.

For the moment however, he is pleased. "We can continue to operate with the current level of services at both sites and that is what is most important to the people of the area," he concluded.

Since its incorporation three and a half years ago, the Health Services Board has carried a deficit in its annual operating budget. The board has been reluctant to eliminate the deficit since it would mean the reduction of core or front line services. Also, be-

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Stanhope visitor

Santa Claus made an early visit on Saturday much to the delight of Stanhope area children. The jolly man of the season stopped by the Stanhope Community Christmas party sponsored by the township's fire department. One of many to spend a moment on Santa's knee, Kerran Chambers and Santa exchanged meaningful glances and gifts before they bid each other greetings for the holiday season.

Board and teachers reach tentative settlement

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board and the secondary school teachers of the district reached a tentative two year contract agreement. The agreement was announced December 10 following nonstop bargaining sessions.

The two parties held lengthy meetings in Lindsay from December eighth to the tenth, in order to hammer out the tentative settlement. The teachers and the school board have been in dispute since mid-September, with the contentious issue of teaching time being at the centre of the disagreement. The teachers, members of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation district 15, have been without a

contract and in a legal strike action since August.

"The news is good," said Cheryl Murdoch, chair of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. "We are hoping that after the holidays, everything can get back to normal."

Murdoch said that students should feel relieved as tension between teachers and the board lessens, especially after the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student protest of December 2. "It was the grade 12 and OAC students I felt sorry for. They, of all the groups, were worried about the results of this," said Murdoch.

If the tentative agreement is ratified, it is expected that many of the

extra-curricular activities which have been missing from the school schedule will resume after the Christmas break. The teachers withdrew their involvement in all but their instructional responsibilities as a protest during the contract dispute.

Ratification meetings are expected to be held this week. Details about the agreement have not been released, but additional information is expected next week. Teachers will be meeting in Gravenhurst to review the tentative settlement, with a vote to be held on Thursday. If the teachers ratify the new contract, the school board will hold a special board meeting by the end of the week to add their approval.

Annual bird count set for December 19

-submitted-

With November being unusually mild and snowless, the holiday season seems farther away than it really is. This year's Christmas Bird Count will happen on Saturday, December 19. Thanks to reports from feeder operators with the count circle last year, a record 45 species of birds was recorded, despite a lack of wild seeds and cones.

This year the wild food crop is much better and bird species that were scarce last year are staying around to enjoy the bounty. Yellow birch seeds are attracting large numbers of Purple Finches and Goldfinches. I have even seen Bluejays eating them. Ash trees also seem to have plenty of seeds, but while Pine Grosbeaks like to feed on them, so far this year there are few of these large colourful finches to be found. Flocks of Evening Grosbeaks were moving about earlier in November, but seemed to have disappeared by later in the month.

The early spring this year may have encouraged evergreens to release their seeds earlier than usual this fall, but balsam, fir and white spruce may still have some residual seeds to attract Red-breasted Nuthatches and smaller finches. Hemlock and white cedar retain their seeds longer. Species that feed on them, such as White-winged Crossbills, Pine Siskins and Common Redpolls, were scarce in November, but that could change quickly as winter approaches. Anywhere there are mountain ash trees, covered in orange berries, look for Cedar or Bohemian Waxwings, as well as lingering Robins and the ever-present European Starlings.

Last winter's warm temperatures may have allowed more than the usual number of insects to

survive and multiply. Woodpeckers seem to be more numerous than they were last winter and Black-capped Chickadee flocks have more birds per flock. A warm dry spring was ideal for the survival of Ruffed Grouse chicks. This no doubt has helped the species rebound more quickly from its low numbers of the past two years.

The effects of low water levels on wintering waterfowl remain to be seen. Shallow water makes for easier feeding for dabbling species, but lack of current means water will freeze more easily.

Warm weather and lack of snow cover in November has no doubt encouraged birds that would normally have migrated south to remain in Haliburton County. Those people who have stocked their bird feeders already, may see species such as White-throated and Song Sparrows, Common Grackles, and Dark-eyed Juncos appear with the first snow.

The 15 mile diameter count circle for the count includes Moore Falls, Kinmount, Irondale, Lochlin, Ingoldsby, Mountain Lake, Bob Lake and all areas in between.

The Minden Christmas Bird Count is one of

some 1,700 that will take place between December 18 and January 3, all over North America, as well as in some parts of Central and South American, the West Indies and the South Pacific. The National Audubon Society co-ordinates the count and publishes the results in a special issue of *American Bird Magazine*. The results of all counts, going back to the first one in 1900, are currently being computerized so they will be more easily accessible to researchers studying changes in bird population. They will soon be available on the internet at <http://www.birdsource.cornell.edu>

If you would like to come along with one of the groups on December 19, you would be most welcome.

If that isn't possible, a record of birds seen in and around your yard, along your waterfront, or anywhere else in the circle, on December 19 are equally valuable. Also, less common birds seen on December 16, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22 would be of great interest.

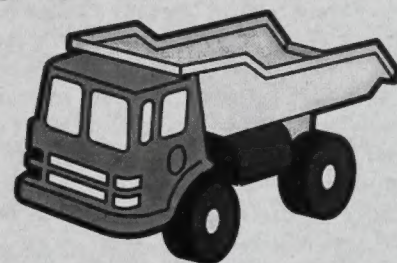
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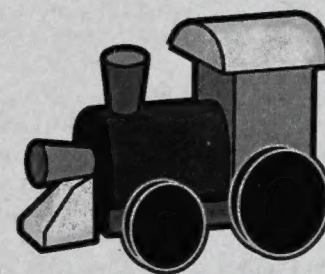
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Jim Cooper: Stanhope Citizen of the Year

Jim Cooper has been named Stanhope Township's Citizen of the Year. The honour was presented to the life-long Haliburton County resident by Reeve Eleanor Harrison at the municipality's annual Christmas dinner, December 5.

"Jim Cooper has very quietly and very graciously made a tremendous contribution to the Township of Stanhope," Reeve Harrison stated. She told the audience that the Citizen of the Year was the sort of person who liked to work quietly behind the scenes. "He is not a member of a committee, but over the years he has been working to make Stanhope a better community."

She noted one of his most recent contributions was the donation (with Earl Pitts) of a high rise of land behind the

municipal office, which provides and excellent view over the southern portion of the municipality. The lookout is now part of the municipality's walking trail system and has been further enhanced by the addition of a field stone deck, constructed by Cooper. The extra elevation provides an even wider panoramic view for hikers. (See article below)

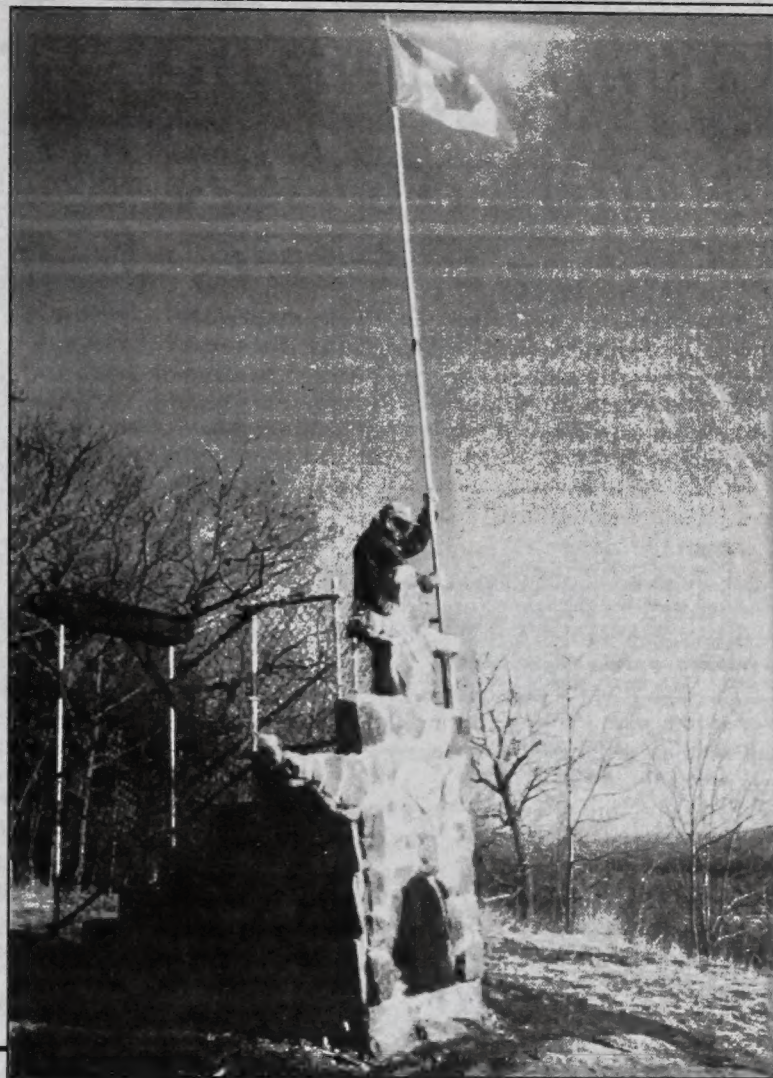
The reeve noted that in addition to the land on which the hiking trail is located, Cooper has also donated additional property at the trail's starting point, for parking.

"Many of you who travel North Shore Road can't help but notice the many stone pillars at driveway entrances," Harrison told the audience. "In 1991 our Citizen of the Year graciously constructed the

stone pillars on both drive-ways of the municipal office and continues to provide the necessary maintenance.... all at no cost to the municipality." She said that ornamental wall clocks seen in various municipal offices were made and donated by Cooper.

Cooper is an active member of the Gospel Church in West Guildford and has worked with the Gideon Society. He was also instrumental in the establishment of the Medeba Bible Camp, now operating as the Medeba Adventure Learning Centre.

"On behalf of the council and the citizens of Stanhope, I thank you from the bottom of our hearts," Reeve Harrison concluded as she presented the Citizen of the Year plaque to Jim Cooper.



THE CROWNING TOUCH: Jim Cooper installs a Canadian flag to top off the field stone viewing platform he built on the hiking trail behind the Stanhope municipal office.

A step above

Jim Cooper has given hikers a chance to go higher in Stanhope Township. That boost means they can get a birds eye view of the township from one of Stanhope's hiking trails.

Cooper has designed and built a rock lookout at the summit of the Lookout Trail, off North Shore Road, to enable hikers to get a better view of Maple, Beech, Twelve Mile and Boshkung lakes. Although the trail is a slow climb to a point 125 feet above Maple Lake, those extra few feet were needed to gain a view of all four lakes.

According to Cooper, the project gave him an opportunity to practice his hobbies, stone masonry and his enjoyment of the Stanhope trail. "I just love this place," said Cooper, while trekking up the steep ascent of the Lookout Trail. "Just look around. It's beautiful."

The Lookout trail has become quite popular recently, and while Cooper was working on the perch, he said that dozens of hiking enthusiasts took advantage of the temperate weather and journeyed up to the top.

It's obvious that Cooper has a love for the trail and the land surrounding it. He owns most of the land surrounding the trail and has walked through the area for many years. As he walks through the woods, he easily identifies the various types of trees and rocks that can be found, and frequently stops to pick up debris from the trail. By his agile hike up the trail you

would hardly guess that Cooper is almost 80 years old.

The stone lookout is not only utilitarian, it has an artistic touch as well. The structure is in the shape of a mountie. His head and body form the front of the steps, while his hand points towards the Stanhope municipal office, museum, library and firefighters' hall. It is made from rock that Cooper picked out the trail area.

The steps are not Cooper's only addition to the Lookout Trail. He built the outhouses and he has

added identification tags to some of the trees.

Cooper hopes that many people will come out to the Stanhope Lookout trail to enjoy the panoramic southern view of Stanhope Township.

For more information on the Stanhope trail system, brochures are available at the Stanhope municipal office.

Update on 35 reconstruction

The council of Anson, Hindon and Minden got a first hand look at the improvements that are planned for Highway 35 from the south junction of County Road 121 to just past Horseshoe Lake Road One at its December 10 meeting. Joseph Arcaro of Giffels Associates explained the reconstruction plan from one end to the other. He also showed council the construction which will take place at the intersection of Highway 35 and county Road 118 in Carnarvon.

When the project is completed, south-bound traffic will be two lanes the entire length of the construction area. North-bound drivers will also be afforded the two-lane feature except for an area of about 200 to 300 metres between the Chamber of Commerce building and just south of the Newcastle Street/South Lake Road intersection. That section will be one lane north-bound. The same applies to the north-bound

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Curling Club prepares to host provincial junior championships

The Minden Curling Club will be inviting Ontario into its house in January.

Next month it will host the 1999 Junior Men's and Women's Provincial Championships. The prestigious event which will take place January 5 to 10, will determine which junior teams will represent Ontario at the Canadian Junior Championship in February in Kelowna, B.C.

Hosting the championship is a huge undertaking for as small a club as Minden. At a meeting December 2, chairman Dwight Thomas stated that the event would require many volunteers to help make the competition a success. Help will be needed to serve as timers, hosts for the guests, help in the kitchen and many other areas to ensure that things runs smoothly.

The five days of competition will begin January 5 with combined opening ceremonies for both the men and women's teams and a reception for the curlers and invited guests.

Following these formalities, the attention shifts to the ice. All draws will be open to the public and there is no admission cost.

While the competition will be centred on the curling club, the arena will also be used for the receptions and meals throughout the event. The championship games will begin each day at 8:50 a.m.. Games are also scheduled for 12:20, 4:20 and 7:50 p.m. each day. The semi-final games will be played Saturday evening with the finals Sunday morning, January 10 at 9:30 a.m.

According to Dwight Thomas, the Minden Curling Club will be a very busy site for both spectators and



Members of the organizing committee for the Junior Men's and Women's Ontario Curling Championship at the Minden Curling Club include, from the left, standing, Melanie Vigrass, Cheryl Murdoch, Zelda Cooper, Sharon Kerohan, Gail Grainger and Ann McAdam, and kneeling, Don Blakey, Ted Wilkes and committee chair Dwight Thomas.

the media. "We have been told that, on average, each curler is accompanied by two people. This will be a very busy place," said Thomas. Since these are championship competitions, the event is expected to attract a great deal of media attention.

The committee organizing the event is still hoping to attract more volunteers from the community to

help make the week a success. Curling experience is not necessary to become involved, just a willingness to show Ontario what Minden can do. According to Thomas, this is being billed as a Haliburton County event, so anyone from the area is welcome. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to call or leave a message at the curling club at 286-3311.

Funding will help ease HHS deficit

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cause of the size of the board's operations, there was little room to make additional cuts.

According to the announcement, the funding allocation formula took into consideration hospitals which were operating within or below provincial benchmarks. The two hospitals operated by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services more than met those criteria.

The board has also pointed out on a number of occasions that while it was expected to operate with funding at or below the amount it started with three and a half years ago, it has incurred ad-

ditional expenses in attempting to manage the capital works projects underway in Minden and Haliburton. In the period leading up to the formation of the board and start of construction, the board had been promised additional funds to help deal with these exceptional expenses. Until now, that extra funding has not been made available to the board.

It has been noted in a number of reports that the Minden and Haliburton Hospitals operate well below the cost level expected for facilities of this size. This fact was further confirmed in the final report of the Health Services Restructuring Commission which noted

that the operating budget of the two facilities was about \$170,000 below what would be considered an average budget for facilities of similar size offering similar services.

The second funding announcement will add \$98,861 to the board's operating budget. The Ministry of Health has released this funding to assist the local service in ensuring that its computer-

ized equipment is year 2000 compliant.

According to the government announcement, all of the transitional funding will be distributed by December 31, with three-quarters of the year 2000 grants being distributed by December 31 and the remainder by April 1, 1999.

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Editorial Letters

Recognizing the shortfall

Over the past two and half years, the members of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board have learned the value of having an accountant as the chair of the organization. Hugh Nichol has led the board through three terms using his knowledge and background to ensure that members were always well aware of the precarious financial position of the organization. With no reserves to fall back on, little fat within the organization to trim and an operating budget that is well below accepted guidelines or benchmarks, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services

has struggled to keep its head above water since the day it was born.

The chair and other members of the board have repeatedly attempted to point out to the powers that be that the service was underfunded and needed an increase in its base operating budget if it were ever to rise out of its deficit position. That plea (and those of most other hospitals across the province) appears to have been heard at the Ministry of Health.

Last week's transitional funding announcement, takes the heat off the local board, at least temporarily, and provides the necessary breathing space before the capital construction projects are completed and the economies of scale can be realized. It is unfortunate that the board had to struggle for so long, maintaining existing services while attempting to balance its budget, before relief finally arrived. While the extra funding is appreciated, we hope there is also an ongoing process in place to recognize when services, like those provided by HHHS, are underfunded. Only through an equitable allocations can the local board hope to provide the health services the community deserves to receive.

jb

Look to the lights

Editor:

I have been visiting the Minden area on a regular basis for the past 50 years and recently built a home on Shuyler's Island.

Minden, with the exception of a hardware store and fruit markets, has grown very little, in fact this town had more life in the fifties than now.

I keep reading how the merchants and the politicians are trying to entice people into the area with streetscaping, paintings, and now a white elephant on Highway 35, costing many many dollars.

Ask yourself what would people drive miles to see? Lights, Christmas lights, lights 12 months a year. People have a fascination for light. They will drive miles to see them. They can only be seen effectively at night and people visiting them would have to stay overnight and would be spending money. This brings merchants into the area.

The municipality could also be involved. Every three months it could issue a gift certificate from a supermarket or a hardware store in the amount of \$500 for the most attractive display. Judges could be a member of council, two merchants and two students. Get everyone involved. This would be published in the paper with a picture of the

lucky person or persons and location.

This will bring out the curious and we all are curious. Landscaping is good, paintings are great, but they can be seen in the daytime in an hour, and then on your way again.

I firmly believe that if this was implemented in our town of Minden, it would multiply by three-fold in less

than five years.

Give it a try, you have tried everything else with very little success and this project would only cost \$2,000 per year.

Remember - Good news travels fast.

**Tony Badali,
Islington.**

Protection is a necessity

Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter from Bob Austin (November 30).

Perhaps you should focus your attention Bob on what your son inflicted on "these young ladies" instead of deflecting blame to someone else. Your son earned "the horrors of prison" by choosing, and it was a choice, to sexually abuse in the most horrific manner, young innocent girls in this community. Unlike these girls, he was protected, by the system, from experiencing at the hands of other inmates, what he did to our children.

He served his six years and was not paroled because he refused treatment and that was not because he feared for his life. As I said before, he was protected. He has never expressed re-

morse. His vow "never to re-offend" is worthless. He is a predator!

Protecting our children is not an obsession. It is necessary as long as monsters like your son walk the earth. Loving your son unconditionally is fine, but there is no defense for what he did and I am sickened by your attempt. His comment that "because of all the hype" he may have to return is nothing but a feeble, cheap threat.

And Greg, get a grip! Embarrassment is not the emotion that your threat of return will bring forth and for treatment to work you need to acknowledge that what you did was wrong. Because of that, you are incapable of change.

**Carol Brentnall
Minden**

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An open letter to the Honourable Norman Sterling, Minister of the Environment

Dear Minister:

As people concerned about environmental quality in Ontario, and as former Ministers of the Environment for governments of three different political parties, we are writing today to ask you to put an end to the spreading on rural roads of a pulp mill waste called Dombind.

The Letter of Agreement which permitted the spreading of Dombind waste as a dust suppressant expires December 31 of this year. As you know, the waste generator, Norampac's (formerly Domtar's) Trenton mill, has not fulfilled its obligations under the Letter of Agreement to the satisfaction of MOE staff or to the many members of the public in

affected areas who have made complaints to the company, the MOE and Environment Canada. These unfulfilled Letter of Agreement obligations include:

- The limit on dioxin contamination of Dombind has not been consistently adhered to, resulting in the spreading of dioxin at levels exceeding the limits and a buildup of dioxins on unpaved roadways, and in adjacent ditches and fields.

- The "application procedures" called for in the agreement are often ignored, resulting in numerous complaints about Dombind getting into waterways.

- The company has not "demonstrated... progress towards zero dioxin discharge" as called for in the Letter of Agreement. To the contrary,

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Editor:

According to a recent announcement on the CBC, Norm Sterling, Ontario Minister of the Environment and Energy, has decided that the use of Dombind, a natural by-product of the pulping process and used as a dust suppressant on roads, is to be phased out over the next two years. We were informed that his decision was based on a letter he received from three previous environment ministers. We were not told what the letter contained nor the rationale for Norm Sterling's decision. But a great deal of pressure to discontinue the use of Dombind has been exerted by an environmental group and some of their information has been taken out of context.

Norm Sterling's decision should have been based on scientific facts not on ma-

nipulation by pressure groups.

What are the scientific facts?

Over the past months I have consulted various scientists about Dombind and none has indicated that there is information indicating that Dombind is an environmental concern. These included scientists in Norm Sterling's own department, people in the Ministry of Labour who are responsible for the health and safety of the applicators, and scientists from Environment Canada and Health Canada. From the results of the toxicity studies carried out on Dombind to date, there are no red flags.

The components of Dombind are all natural products. What therefore has caused the perception that Dombind is a problem? Perhaps it is due to the fact

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The jerks who walk among us

Those whom the Gods would destroy they first make famous.

Anon

What is it about being famous, anyway? I don't mean famous like the mayor of Kelowna, goalie on the Junior 'A' team or editor of the local paper. I mean really famous. Like an international rock star, a member of the Royal family or a world-renowned fashion model.

Most of us will never know. We plug our way through life weathering our personal peaks and troughs, trying not to cause anyone else too much grief in the process. We get ahead by getting along with most of the people we meet on the way. Civility is the 10W40 that makes it happen. We try to be decent to one another.

Unless we're famous. For celebrities, the rules don't seem to apply. Stars are allowed to act like jerks. In fact, it seems, stars are SUPPOSED to act like jerks.

ITEM: Singer Alanis Morissette swans into a night club in Boston where she is to sing that night. First move: she orders the entire club staff off the premises while she and her crew carry out a sound check. They stand in the street for two hours until Alanis Et Al are satisfied that the venue is up to their standards.

ITEM: Naomi Campbell, internationally famous fashion model, is sued by

her personal secretary, who alleges Campbell "verbally abused her, hit her on the head several times with a telephone, grabbed and punched her, threatened to have her deported and slashed her clothing."

You think this is just a case of little people who have suddenly become big and can't handle it? A sad example of no-class nouveau riche?

Au contraire — the vieux riche are no classier. Consider the case of Salwa Qahanti, daughter of a king in the Saudi royal family. Princess Salwa was recently fined and put on probation for scratching and choking a flight attendant on a Trans World Airways flight from Paris to Boston.

Seems like there's something about air travel that brings out the nuclear moron in some celebrities. Liam and Noel Gallagher, stars of the group Oasis, will not be flying with Cathay Pacific for the rest of their natural lives. They earned themselves a lifetime ban for their drunken and rowdy behaviour aboard a Cathay Pacific 747 flying from Hong Kong to Australia.

And Ian Brown, former lead singer with the group Stone Roses, went to the slammer for four months — for threatening to cut off the hands of a stewardess aboard a British Airways flight.

Hard to figure — these clowns have got millions of dollars, thousands of fans and dozens of groupies, yet they

behave like baboons in a saloon on Free Beer Night.

And then there's Reuben Pardo, of Los Angeles.

Chances are very good that you've never heard of, or run into, Reuben Pardo. If you have, you must have been hanging around the Wiltshire Tower building in downtown Los Angeles. That's where Reuben spends his working days, eleven hours at a time, five days a week.

What does Reuben do there? Well, he hands out philosophy, for one thing. He tells visitors nuggets such as "Don't think anything negative about your job. Just concentrate."

A fashion designer by the name of Susan Parr claims Reuben Pardo changed her life. "He'll take you up and down" she says. "When you hit the bottom floor, he tells you 'from here, the choice is up to you'."

Urs Bauer, a California filmmaker, recalls "I was full of questions about my career...then I met Reuben. He's spent all these years in the same box, and yet he has that perfect inner peace we're all searching for."

That's the other thing Reuben Pardo does — he operates the elevator in the Wiltshire Tower. He's been doing it for twenty years.

Perhaps one day — if Naomi, Alanis, the Gallagher brothers and Princess Salwa every grow up — Reuben will let them ride in his elevator.

Etcetera

Arthur Black

'A toxic industrial waste'

(from page 7)

dioxin contamination levels have increased over the course of the five-year agreement.

We understand that there are environmentally preferable waste management alternatives for liquid pulp mill wastes. Many other pulp and paper mills in Ontario and elsewhere in Canada — including Domtar's Red Rock and Cornwall mills — safely reprocess these wastes to recover process chemicals and obtain energy to help run the mills.

Tests show Dombind contains levels of dioxins, furans, phenols and other contaminants which endanger amphibian, fish and fowl wildlife, domestic animals and livestock. We understand drinking water wells have been contaminated by runoff.

Dombind is an unnecessary additional stress on the endangered Eastern Loggerhead Shrike. The company has refused an Environment Canada request to stop spraying of Dombind near the few remaining shrike nests.

It is clear that "Dombind" is a toxic industrial waste masquerading as a "product".

The MOE's dioxin experts believe that dioxin's toxicity, persistence, and bio-accumulative nature and furan levels in dust suppressants should be limited to 50 parts per quadrillion. As you know, "Dombind" is limited in the letter of Agreement to 500 ppq dioxin, a limit

its own tests have often not been met.

One historical note. Much of the Norampac mill's liquid waste now in Dombind had been discharged into the Trent River until a waterways cleanup put a stop to the practice in 1993. So the same contaminants deemed too toxic and dangerous to be discharged into a waterway are now being spread on Ontario's back roads. As you know, those who have looked into the matter--MOE and Environment Canada staff and private citizens-- have concluded, in the words of a July 1988 Environment Canada report, "that application guidelines are not routinely being followed and that Dombind appears to be mobile."

Spreading this industrial waste on dirt roads instead of discharging it directly to a waterway amounts to no net protection for the natural environment.

In conclusion, we believe that the use of "Dombind" waste as a dust suppressant is a poor practice. We urge you not to authorize a renewed Letter of Agreement permitting "Dombind" waste spreading on dirt roads.

Thank you for your consideration of our views and we wish you well in discharging your responsibilities to protect Ontario's environment.

Former Ontario Ministers of the Environment,

**Harry Parrott, (1978-81),
Jim Bradley, (1985-90),
Ruth Grier, (1990-93).**

Bigger is not better

Editor:

Under the Restructuring Bill, Victoria County Council has until the year 2000 to make changes as they envision a solution to continuing the services you and I now receive and are entitled. I agree with Mr. LeCraw's letter of November 16, that "immediate grand savings are a figment of wishful thinking!" I believe, down the road a few years, saving and continued services will result.

Spending thousands of dollars on another study is ludicrous as we have studies gathering dust on the shelves of the CAO's office, many of which were rejected by County Councillors before they were received.

For the past six years, local townships grants from the prov-

ince have been cut every year to the point where some are forced to buy used trucks for snow ploughing, operate fire trucks which in many cases would be taken off the road if you and I were operating them in the private sector.

We often hear the old story that the local townships can do the job at less cost. In many ways they can; but often the figures are clouded with a lack of facts. As an example with road work you have three main factors to consider:

- 1) labour (people)
- 2) equipment (trucks, graders etc.)
- 3) material (gravel, sand etc.)

These three items represent the cost of repairing or building roads. Accurate accounting of

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'Not damaging to the environment'

(from page 7)

that Dombind contains low levels of dioxins and furans as contaminants. These chemicals are everywhere in the environment. The levels in Dombind are generally very low: they are below the level that currently exists in the environment and hence are not of concern. Furthermore, the levels of the most toxic dioxin was not detectable in Dombind; note that of the 210 isomeric forms of dioxins, only 17 are considered toxic. It seems that the environmental group has focussed on the adverse effects of much higher concentrations of these contaminants. Dombind is soluble in water, is quickly diluted, and is generally rapidly degraded. To date there is no evidence that it is damaging to the environment. It has been used for over 40 years and there are apparently no confirmed reports of any adverse effects (fide MOEE). Nevertheless, in order to clarify the situation, additional toxicity studies should be done so that solid scientifically based conclusions can be made.

A risk assessment should be done. This will depend on the application rate, run-off into streams, and dilution in streams. Although there are rigid application criteria set out by MOEE, there have been reports that these were not being followed so that Dombind was being inappropriately applied. This should be monitored.

What are the alternatives to Dombind? There is calcium chloride which is not only expensive but also considered to be more toxic than Dombind. We have seen how destructive it is to the roadside vegetation and how corrosive it is to the metal of our cars.

The public needs some assurance that decisions by members of our provincial government are guided by professionally obtained and properly interpreted scientific data, not perceptions of pressure groups.

**Lorraine C. Smith, Ph.D.
(Retired toxicologist)
Haliburton.**



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Sports

January
16 & 17

Atom A Monarchs championship runners-up

Championship runner-up is the title the Minden Atom A Monarchs earned at the tournament in Havelock on November 28.

6-5 overtime win

The Monarchs edged Peterborough's St. Alphonsus 6-5 in overtime in their first game of the tournament.

Minden took the lead a minute and two seconds after the opening faceoff with a goal by captain Sean Keaney. Mark Fisher and Jon Petch assisted. The Monarchs enjoyed the one-goal advantage throughout the first period. But the Peterborough team struck early in the second to tie it up.

A total of five goals were scored in the last five minutes of the second period. When the frame ended, the Monarchs were in front by a 4-3 margin. Aaron Keaney, Darrin Brown and Fisher were the Minden marksmen, with Fisher, Sean Keaney and Aaron Keaney each drawing one assist.

St. Alphonsus jumped back into the lead with two consecutive goals in the third and it looked grim for Minden as the time wound down. But, with three seconds showing on the clock, Sean Keaney scored to breathe new life into the Monarchs. Zac Joanu as-

sisted on the tying goal.

Mark Fisher was the man of the hour for the Monarchs when he took a pass from Sean Keaney and beat the Peterborough goalie with 3:38 left in the first overtime period.

Another one-goal win

Next on Minden's list of opponents was the Frankford squad. Once again, the competition was tough. With less than three minutes left in the game the score was tied at 3-3.

Minden notched the only goal of the first period. Andrew Bull was the sniper, from Darrin Brown.

The Monarchs went ahead 2-0 just 38 seconds into the middle frame when Bull scored his second of the game, again from Brown.

The Frankford boys shifted gears and scored two in a row to make it a brand new game.

Eleven seconds remained in the second period when Brown scored to give Minden a 3-2 lead. Fisher and Aaron Keaney set up the go-ahead goal.

The third period was just over a minute and a half old when Frankford struck again, knotting the game at 3-3.

Captain Sean Keaney spared the Monarchs from the anxiety of overtime when he scored the game winner with 2:19 left in the third period. That unassisted marker held up as the Minden team recorded its second win of the tournament.

Close games take their toll

With a pair of squeakers under their belts, the Monarchs were not at 100 per cent when they tangled with the Bancroft Jets for the A division title.

Bancroft jumped to a 2-0 lead with a pair of quick goals near the end of the first period.

Two more quick goals in the first minute and a half of the second spelled the beginning of the end for the Monarchs.

An unassisted goal by Andrew Bull got Minden on the scoreboard. Sean Keaney closed the gap to 4-2 a minute and a half into the third on a set-up from Mark Fisher.

The Jets took the wind out of the Minden team's sails with another goal two minutes after Minden's second marker. Bancroft kept the Monarchs from getting any closer and the Jets went home with the championship hardware.

Millbrook bows to Novice A team

Sherri Walker and Brady Hicks paced the Minden Novice OMHA to a 5-4 win over Millbrook on December 5. They each scored twice. Billy Kulas notched the other goal for the Monarchs. Jordan Joanu helped the cause with a pair of assists, with single helpers going to Kyle Fry and Kulas.

Peewees down Sunderland

Evan Kernohan was the leading sniper when the Minden Peewee OMHA Monarchs played host to Sunderland on December 5. Kernohan scored a hat trick and helped set up three more. Kevin Walker also had a good day, scoring twice and adding four assists. Shaun Chapman and Philip Greer netted one apiece, with Chapman notching an assist as well. Daryl Arbour and Matt Allore notched one assist.

OMHA Atoms defeat Sunderland 8-3

Sean Keaney and Justin Bull scored two goals each, leading the Minden OMHA Atom hockey team to an 8-3 victory over Manvers December 5 in Minden.

Minden led 2-0 at the end of the first period, went ahead 4-1 by the end of the second and outscored the opposition 4-2 in the third. Aaron Keaney, Cody Mills, Travis Walker and Darrin Brown added a goal each to the winning tally. Sean Keaney notched three assists to go with his two goals for a five point day. Mark Fisher, Walker, Bull and Brown all picked up single assists.



JUNIOR ACTION: Thursday afternoons the Minden Curling Club is reserved for Junior curlers. The action above is from the December 10 session. The juniors receive instruction on the finer points of the game and try out their skills against teams of their peers. The young players will have the opportunity to see the cream of the Junior crop when the Provincial Championships come to Minden early in January.

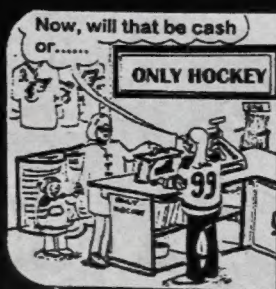
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The Parliamentary sub-committee on Canadian Heritage recently released nearly 70 recommendations for improving sport in Canada. Although the proposal that would give tax breaks to professional athletes and sports franchises received the most attention, there were other interesting proposals.

The chairman of the committee, MP Dennis Mills, said that perhaps his most important recommendations address accessibility to sport and active living for all Canadians.

Mills said that he wants to ensure that all Canadians (especially children), regardless of means, have access to organized sport.

The Haliburton Highlands Cross-Country Ski Club anticipated the parliamentarians quite nicely.

It has long been our policy to make sure that no one misses out on the pleasures of skiing and healthy recreation. Especially at this time of year, it is important to mention that arrangements can be made so that those of limited means can join the ski club and pay their fees through volunteer work if necessary.

Also, those who need equipment, especially kids who want to join the Jackrabbit ski program, can get help from club volunteers who redistribute outgrown equipment. The club would like to set a new participation record for the Jackrabbit ski school this year.

Mills also says that some of the re-

port's recommendations are designed to promote activity in the Canadian population. He pointed out that the savings in health care costs due to improved fitness of Canadians would amount to billions of dollars every year. Many people are now beginning to view keeping fit as a social obligation, but it's not such a serious matter. Yes, membership in the ski club is inexpensive and it provides huge amounts of healthy and natural exercise. The most important part is that it is fun. No one thinks about how one fewer heart operation could pay for tonnes of ski wax when he is out

skiing! It doesn't have to be skiing, though, and any activity is better than the inactivity of the Nintendo, the T.V. or the snow machine. Ask anyone who suffers from a serious illness how much they would pay for restored health, and you'll likely hear, "anything."

Remember as you choose your Christmas gifts that giving good health through encouraging fitness is as precious a gift as there is. Also, don't forget that the deadline for Early Bird draws for club members is fast approaching (December 18). You can join later, but why put it off?

Contact Pat Cummings for membership info at 754-9569.

Don't worry about snow—rituals are being performed that will ensure a healthy snowfall.

NORDIC NOTES

by Blake Paton

Minden Curling Club celebrates 50th year

Memorabilia needed

by Sandy Cole

As many of you know, the Minden Curling Club is in full swing and has several events fast approaching. To help promote our 50th Anniversary and the upcoming Provincial Junior Championship, we are asking for the loan of any curling memorabilia. Gail Grainger is heading up this collection and will be making displays in store front windows of participating downtown merchants. We are hoping that these displays will enhance our advertising of the upcoming championship and entice spectators to stroll through our town and visit our local businesses. If you have any brooms, sweaters, pins and such that you will loan or if you have window space please contact Gail at 286-1617.

We are also looking for help from all our local shoppers. We can earn cash for our Curling Club by collecting UPC symbols from Scott Paper Products. Scott is the proud sponsor of the "Scott Tournament of Hearts." Please help us with this fund-raising event by dropping off your UPC symbols in the box at the club or the boxes at Dollo's IGA OR Minden Valu-mart. Your help with these matters is greatly appreciated.

It is time for all you fellows to get your teams together for the upcoming

J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel. Sign up for this event at the club.

It is great to see the amount of names signed up to help with the various jobs for the upcoming Provincial Championship. Many more people are still needed to help with this once in a lifetime event, so remember to sign up and help when you can.

League results from November 30 to December 5.

Monday Night Ladies

Pat Woodcroft 10, Dianne Whitmarsh 5
Melanie Vigrass 7, Zelda Cooper 7
Cheryl Murdoch 9, Ruby Wilkes 5

Tuesday Night Men's

Alf Trotter 10, Paul Prentice 0
Dwight Thomas 13, Dave McAdam 5
Bill Bonner 5, Ted Wilkes 5
Bill Roodenburg 10, Ross Davies 6

Thursday Night Mixed

Dan Garbutt 8, Dianne Whitmarsh 0
Ted Wilkes 7, Pat Woodcroft 5
Melanie Vigrass 8, Sharon Kernohan 3
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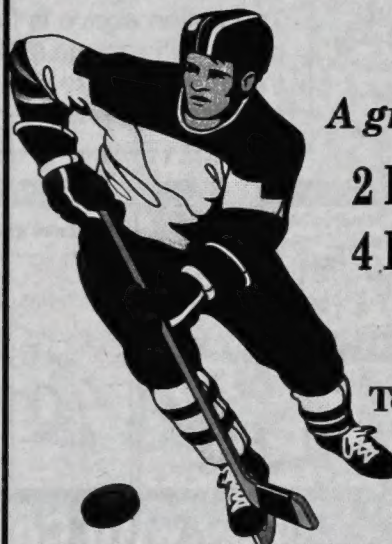
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Haliburton rink places third in Northern Tour

by Gord Wright

The Kawartha Senior Men's League, Northern tour had its second of four bonspiels December 9 at the Fenelon Falls Curling Club. It was another beautiful day.

It's sure good to see Jim Burton out again. I'll pick on someone else this year, Jim.

Skips for the day were Russ Fair and Jim Burton from Minden, Bruce Oliver and John Hope from Bobcaygeon, Ken Wilson and Ab Norman from Haliburton and Bob Mason and Doug Cox from Fenelon Falls.

The top team of the day, with a score of 34.25 was skip Bruce Oliver, vice Ian Brant, second Brad Waterman and lead Jack Patton.

Second, with 33.75 points, were skip Bob Mason, vice Brian Markle, second Kevin Kerrivan and lead Bill Patton. Third, with 24.5 points, went to skip Ken Wilson, vice Joe Iles, second Wayne Hussey and lead Len Salvatori.

Novice A Monarchs earn 5-4 win over Millbrook

The OMHA Novices recently faced off against a tough Millbrook team and emerged with a full-value 5-4 victory.

The first period was a close checking and evenly matched affair that remained scoreless until Brady Hicks, assisted by Kyle Fry, bulged the twine late in the period.

Millbrook stepped up the attack in the second period but Mike Lennox turned away many shots to keep the visitors at bay. Meanwhile, Sherri Walker scored twice with drive and de-

termination to give Minden a 3-goal lead. Assists on the goals were awarded to linemates Jordan Joanu and Billy Kulas.

However, Millbrook scored late in the second to give the visitors some momentum going into the final frame.

Kulas made the score 4-1 when he redirected a Joanu pass from the slot early in the third. Millbrook responded less than a minute later with a goal of their own. Brady Hicks made the score 5-2 with 3 minutes left, but the hard

charging Millbrook side was not finished. Millbrook capped off a 17-shot third period with two fast goals to create a suspenseful finish to the contest.

The Minden defense corps of Ed Cyr, Steve Kerr, Matt Clements and Derek Carpenter worked hard all game long to turn away a determined Millbrook team.

Cody Mills scores five goals

Jacob Crowe, goalie for the Minden Atom B Monarchs hockey team allowed just one goal when his team took on the visiting Beaverton II team on December 5. The Monarchs went on a scoring rampage, notching nine for the decisive win.

Cody Mills led the Minden attack with five goals. Travis Walker added a pair, with singles going to David McGlade and Jason Lougheed. Walker picked up four assists. David Toye notched two and Jake Ruddy had one.

Two days later, the Atom B Monarchs travelled to Little Britain for an 8 p.m. game.

Little Britain struck first, with two consecutive goals.

Travis Walker closed the gap temporarily, with the assist going to Jake Ruddy.

The home team responded with two more, for a 4-1 advantage.

Walker netted his second of the

game, assisted by Steve Draker but that was as close as the Monarchs would get. Little Britain recorded the 4-2 win.

Atom A Monarchs edge Omemee 4-3

The Atom A Monarchs came home from Omemee on December 6 with a hard-fought 4-3 win. After building a 4-0 lead by the end of the second period, the host team came alive in the third, scoring three in a row, cutting the Minden lead to a single goal. The Monarchs cut the rally short of the mark, holding on for the win.

Darrin Brown scored two goals and assisted on one more. Sean Keaney scored one and helped set up one and Aaron Keaney netted one goal. Andrew Bull helped the Minden cause with three assists. Single helpers went to Kody Smith and Mark Fisher.

Monarchs down Flyers 7-4

The Novice B Monarchs scored three unanswered first-period goals when they played host to the Fenelon Falls Flyers on December 5 on the way to a 7-4 win. The Monarchs outscored the Flyers 2-1 in the middle frame, but the Flyers had the upper hand in the third, outscoring Minden 3-2.

Derek Nesbitt drew first blood for Minden. Davis Reynolds netted the second Minden marker, from John Murray and Nesbitt. Nesbitt rounded out his hat trick with two more, giving Minden a 4-0 lead. Murray scored the fifth Minden goal, unassisted, before the flyers finally got one by Monarchs' goaltender Mike Toye. Nesbitt responded with his fourth of the game.

Fenelon found a spark of life and scored three in a row, cutting Minden's lead to 6-4. But Nesbitt struck again, netting his fifth of the game to round out the scoring. Reynolds set that one up.

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HHOA taps volunteer labour for Hatchery construction project

by Jerry Grozelle

Volunteer labour and donations of materials and the use of equipment are imperative if the expansion of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery is going to be realized on target.

The building committee for the HHOA is getting a helping hand from local businesses and individuals, with the construction of a new hatchery building. The committee will stretch as much value as possible from the \$162,000 in provincial government funding by supplementing it with volunteer labour, expertise and donated materials.

The footings have already been poured for the 50 foot by 60 foot building, as well as a smaller office/interpretive centre. The latter will be finished as funding is acquired.

Estimates for the rearing tanks that will be housed in the new building were originally in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 range. But consultants provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources have recommended a different type of tanks, which recirculate water, thereby increasing the volume of water available. This, in turn, increases the number of fish that could be raised. The fly in the ointment is the cost of these more efficient tanks, which will be between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

The value of the volunteer labour and donation of the use of equipment and some materials will pay dividends before the project is completed.

North Steel of Lochlin was the successful bidder for the provision of construction materials. The local company came in with the lowest of the three bids when the project was tendered. North Steel will supply the materials and erect the framing for the building. Volunteers have been recruited to install the steel siding and provide the labour for much of the other construction

work.

HHOA vice-president Larry Hewitt said arrangements have been made with BMR of Barrie to use the company's compactor for a few days. BMR had the compactor in the area on another job and agreed to leave it for a few more days so it can be used at the hatchery site. It will be operated by volunteers.

Local truckers Alf Kimble and Mark Walker have provided their equipment and time to transport fill from Larry Hewitt's gravel pit. Hewitt, has donated the gravel as well as committing the use of his equipment. He is also donating his own time to the project. Some of his employees have also volunteered their time to assist with the construction of the hatchery.

Royal Paving/Beamish Construction has agreed to donate some crush for the parking area and laneway.

Brian Madill of Madill Plumbing has volunteered to install the plumbing and donate some of the materials.

"Quite a few tradespeople in the area have offered to help," Hewitt said.

Since the first Haliburton strain lake trout to be reared in the HHOA Hatchery will be stocked in April or May of 2000, the Association has applied for a Millennium grant. If that grant money is forthcoming, it would be used to finish the interior of the interpretive centre at the hatchery and outfit it with educational fixtures. The plan is to make the facility wheelchair accessible.

Other sources of funding are being explored as well.

The focus of the hatchery is to develop the Haliburton strain of lake trout and expand its range. The strain is hardier than other lake trout, feeds more aggressively (which will appeal to anglers) and reproduces faster. These fish are known as "glacial relics" because they are believed to be among the oldest strain in the world; remnants from the ice age which were isolated in

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The Minden County Bowl 5 Pin Bowlers' Association held its annual Turkey Bowl on Saturday, December 5. A full house participated in the fun and challenge of attempting to bowl three strikes in a row in order to win one of 10 Christmas turkeys.

Maxine Cross was the first to roll three strikes, followed by Maurice Boyd, Al Clement, Charlie McDonald, Lloyd Brown, Joan Rivard and Addie Dykstra.

Three turkeys were left so a roll-off was held, including all those participants who rolled a chicken (three consecutive spares). Vic Ballik, the first to bowl in the roll-off, stunned the crowd by immediately throwing three strikes in a row to claim a turkey. Walt Stegmaier and Bob Vankoughnet outbowed the remaining chickens and took home the last two turkeys.

Ray Lymer, President of the MCB5PBA, presented a cheque to Carol Ballik, the winner of the Pins Over Average Pool for November. The next draw will be held on December 31 at the New Year's Eve Bowl. Come out and join us for an evening of fun, food and celebration on New Year's Eve. Tickets are available at Minden County Bowl.

Legion 636 Mixed League

High average: Leitha Kuchalema 169; Fred Knight 192

High single: Bea James/ Leitha Kuchalema 187; Fred Knight 246

High single (handicap): Bea James 258; Bill Stewart 298

High triple: Leitha Kuchalema 489; Fred Knight 608

High triple (handicap): Judy Kent 670; Bill Stewart 715

Monday Night Mixed League

High average: Michelle Moore 197; Scott Moore 226

High single: Teresa Clement 242; Al Clement 351

High single (POA): Joanne Camelon +95; Al Clement +158

High triple: Teresa Clement 570; Al Clement 788

High triple (POA): Joanne Camelon +122;

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors League

High average: Theresa Fox 180; Bob Bullen 214

High single: Theresa Fox 201; Nick Boekestyn 230

High single (handicap): Theresa Fox 237; Nick Boekestyn 271

High triple: Theresa Fox 556; Nick Boekestyn 606

High triple (handicap): Theresa Fox 664; Nick Boekestyn 731

Wednesday Night Men's League

High average: Scott Moore 237

Kelly Berry rolls a 227

Smurf

High average: Karen Prozak/ Bailey Cole 58; Connor Cowan 61

High single: Bailey Cole 58; Connor Cowan 58

High double: Karen Prozak 116; Connor Cowan 115

Peewee

High average: Tori

High single: Eric Burk 311

High single (handicap): Eric Burk 324

High triple: Eric Burk 844

High triple (handicap): Eric Burk 883

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League

High average: Eleanor Lymer 169; Addie Dykstra 202

High single: Ivy Bolton 230; Gord Mitchell 225

High single (handicap): Ivy Bolton 294; Gord Mitchell 298

High triple: Ivy Bolton 534; Vic Ballik 569

Brown 110; Sean Doyle 79

High single: Tori Brown 128; Eric Whitty 145

High double: Sarah Prozak 154; Eric Whitty 253

Bantam

High average: Brandy Cole 65; Brad Brown 109

High single: Brandy

High triple (handicap): Agnes Houghton 737; Gord Mitchell 749

Thursday Night Mixed League

High average: Marlene Robinson 192; Walt Stegmaier 217

High single: Joan Rivard 236; Doug Reinwald 295

High single (handicap): Joan Rivard 270; Dan Chumbley 308

High triple: Joan Rivard 596; Walt Stegmaier 758

High triple (handicap): Sheila Woodcroft 648; Kal VanSkiver 859

Cole 90; Alex Philip 112

High triple: Brandy Cole 229; Alex Philip 261

Junior

High average: Kelly Berry 174; Matt Reinwald 187

High single: Kelly Berry 227; Joey Cox 241

High single (handicap): Kelly Berry 249; Ryan Clarke 279

High triple: Kelly Berry 585; Joey Cox 620

High triple (handicap): Kelly Berry 607; Ryan Clarke 741

Senior

High average: Elizabeth Goldenberg 155; Trevor Clement 178

High single: Elizabeth Goldenberg 172; Trevor Clement 210

High single (handicap): Katie Robinson 215; Trevor Clement 228

High triple: Elizabeth Goldenberg 484; Scott Philip 550

High triple (handicap): Katie Robinson 569; Trevor Clement 655

Ontario Special Olympics Saturday Afternoon League

High average: Robin Fletcher 123; Jerry Corby 156

High single: Robin Fletcher 140; Jerry Corby 194

High single (handicap): Robin Fletcher 224; Jerry Corby 250

High triple: Robin Fletcher 408; Jerry Corby 511

High triple (handicap): Robin Fletcher 660; Larry Wyatt 681

Dave Irwin bowled a turkey (three consecutive strikes).

Midgets edge Orono 3-2

The Minden Midgets hockey team skated to a 3-2 win over Orono on December 4.

Shaun Casey, Cam Neville and Justin Bull were the snipers. Gaten Davis notched two assists and Gavin Simms had one helper.



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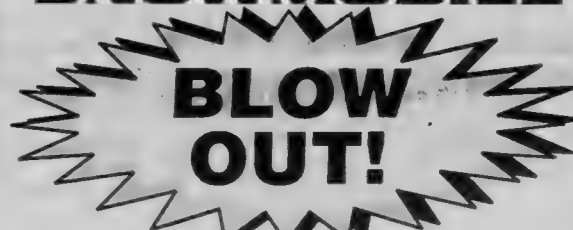
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Volunteers making it happen at the HHOA hatchery

(from page 12)

a few Haliburton County lakes.

The first Haliburton strain lake trout eggs were collected from Halls Lake by hatchery volunteers and MNR personnel in October of this year. The goal was to collect 25,000 eggs, but the trout didn't co-operate as well as expected. A total of about 16,000 eggs currently reside at the hatchery. They will be stocked in Haliburton County lakes in the spring of the year 2000, when they are fingerlings.

The hatchery also raises thousands of rainbow trout, which are stocked in county waters and beyond.

Like the Wolf Centre at Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, Hewitt says he thinks the HHOA Hatchery could be an attraction to bring people into Haliburton County.

"We're looking for as much volunteer labour as possible to make the dollars go further, Hewitt said."

Anyone interested in contributing to the project should contact the hatchery at 457-9664. Chairman of the Hatchery Committee, Jack Campbell, can be reached at 457-3030 or Building Committee chair Roy Boughner can be contacted at 457-1926.

Minden Minor Hockey Schedule

Tuesday, December 15
Novice B vs Mariposa 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 17
Atom B vs Wilberforce 6:00 p.m.
Atom OMHA vs Beaverton 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 18
Bantam B vs Beaverton 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 19
Novice B vs Cannington noon
Novice OMHA vs Orono 1:00 p.m.
Atom OMHA vs Woodville 2:00 p.m.
Atom B vs Mariposa 3:30 p.m.
Peewee OMHA vs Fenelon Falls 6:00 p.m.
Bantam OMHA vs Fenelon Falls 7:30 p.m.
Midgets vs Mariposa 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 20
Major Tykes vs Ops 2:00 p.m.

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Christmas RIDE program now underway

The following is a summary of events compiled by the Minden/Coboconk detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police

RIDE Program

The first week of R.I.D.E. checks were instituted between November 28 and December 4. During that time, 228 vehicles were checked and one impaired driver was charged. There were also two twelve hour licence suspensions and 11 other charges laid.

Impaired Driving

As a result of the R.I.D.E. check in Kirkfield, Deborah A. Marineau, 46 of Eldon Township was charged with impaired driving and operating a motor vehicle with more than 80 milligrams. She was scheduled to appear in Lindsay Court on December 10.

On December 5, Constables Adams and Bennett were at the scene of a three vehicle, minor collision on Maple Avenue in Haliburton. A separate collision took place nearby and one of the drivers was arrested and charged with impaired driving. Marion Markowski, 34 of Haliburton was charged with impaired driving and operating a motor vehicle with more than 80 milligrams. He is scheduled to appear in Minden Court on December 16.

On December 6, Constable Hagerman was called to County Road 48, in Eldon Township where a vehicle was found in a ditch. As a result of an investigation, Daniel B. Nearing, age 39, of Eldon Township is charged with impaired driving and operating a motor vehicle with more than 80 milligrams. He is scheduled to appear in Lindsay Court on December 17.

Found Property

A canoe was found in Dalton Township near Sebright. Anyone who has lost this item can contact the Minden Coboconk detachment at 705-286-1431.

The caller should be prepared to give an accurate description of the canoe and please refer to incident number 152256-0.

Thefts

On December 6, a customer at Norland Trading Post walked out of the store without paying for a \$495 leather coat. The customer was stopped and the coat was retrieved. The customer then left the area and was stopped by Detective Constable Allore a short time later. Mr. William Lawrence Sharpe, 33 of Rama is charged with theft and failure to comply with a probation order.

On December 3, a five tonne Bee Bee winch was stolen from the Big Bob Lake dam. The winch is black and valued at \$1,500. On December 5, Constable Orlowski investigated the theft of a blue 1984 Pontiac 6000 from the Minden Municipal Parking lot.

Break, Enter and Thefts

On December 3, a break-in occurred at a cottage on Harburn road near Fort Irwin. Stolen from the cottage were a 27 inch Sharp television, a tool box and three tents.

On December 4, Constable Trepanier investigated a cottage break-in at Spar Lake near Irondale. Stolen were six fishing rods and reels, a wooden coffee table and a remote car with controller.

An overnight break-in occurred at Fort Irwin Marina December 4-5. Stolen were 69 packages of cigarettes and a 50 horsepower Johnson outboard motor.

On December 5, Constable Collings investigated a break-in at a cottage on North Pine Lake Road, near West Guilford. During his investigation, he located a telephone and a 1984 Yamaha three-wheel ATV which had been stolen from the cottage. The stolen items were returned. The investigation into this incident is continuing.

Minden - Carnarvon - Maple Lake United Churches-Christmas Services

Sunday December 13 Food Bank Sunday
- Advent III-Joy

Sunday December 20 Advent IV-Love
9:00 am Zion, Carnarvon- Jr Choir
"The Grumpy Shepherd" Cantata
11:15 am Minden, Senior Choir, Cantata
"Let us Adore Him"
7:30 pm Zion, Carnarvon, Senior Choir
Carols and Lessons

Thursday December 24 Christmas Eve Services
7:00 pm • Christmas Eve Family Service
9:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday December 27 Christmas I - Services at all Three Churches

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Austin's Weekly Calendar

December 15: Luxury Bus trip to Casino Rama. \$10 per person which includes round trip and a buffet lunch. Proceeds to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Tickets available at Perfect Prints Haliburton. Sponsored by the Haliburton Rotary Club. Minimum numbers required.

December 16: Monthly support meeting of the Peterborough and District Head Injury Association in conjunction with Home Care, for individuals and their family members living with the effects of acquired brain injury. At the Access Centre, Highway 118, north of Haliburton. 1-2:30 p.m.

December 16: Old Fashioned Christmas carol sing at Lochlin United Church. 7 p.m.

December 17: Dorset Elementary School will be holding a Christmas program at 7:00 p.m. Wagon rides begin from the park area across from the Recreation

Programs subject to change. Please confirm details with organizers.

Centre to the post office and back. All family members are welcome to attend. Hot chocolate and Christmas music. At 7:45 there will be a loonie auction. Donations are needed prior to the auction, so contact the school for information on donating. A special guest will also make an appearance at 8:15.

December 17: Minden and District Lions Club Christmas Bingo. Jackpot is \$1,000. Door prizes and turkeys. Regular games and \$60. Minden Community Centre. Door open at 6:00 p.m. Early Bird 7:00 p.m. Regular games at 7:15.

December 17: Grief Support Group for all who have been bereaved. 2.4 pm in Lindsay. For information call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811.

December 20: Allsaw Pentecostal Church presents "A Walk to Bethlehem". Our Christmas pageant begins at 7:00 p.m. with refreshments following. Located on 121, everyone is welcome.

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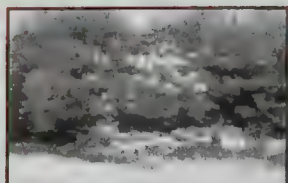
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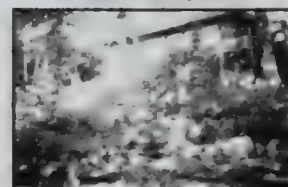
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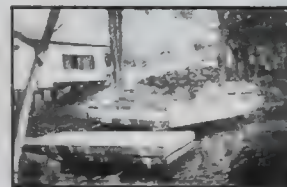
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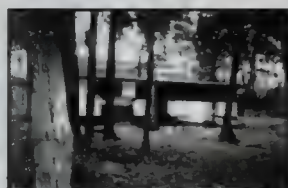
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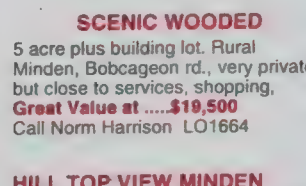
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Frost Centre wins coveted Ontario award

The Leslie M. Frost Centre is a real gem of a facility. The Ministry of Natural Resources centre was honoured with the 1998 Amethyst award. The award is the highest honour any person or government body can receive in the Ontario Public Service.

The Frost Centre was one of 21 winners across the province. The facility received the prize for excellence in environmental and resource management education. "We're very pleased about this," said Frost Centre Marketing Co-ordinator Barrie Martin. A contingent from the Frost Centre travelled to Toronto last week, to be presented with the award by Premier Mike Harris.

The Leslie M. Frost Centre is comprised of 24,000 hectares of Crown Land. It is the primary instructional centre, operated by the Ministry of Natural Resources. Throughout the year, the facility co-ordinates various workshops, seminars and conferences on education, natural resource management, stewardship, eco-tourism and a variety of other topics.

The Frost Centre team includes: Bob Stewart, Barrie Martin, Micheline Pothier, Ron Pittaway, Cathy Anderson, Chris Lemieux, Frances Marshall, Margaret Shelly, Eric Roth, Carolyn MacDonald, Murial Bird, Brenda Manser, Val MacEachern, Glenn McMillan, Barb O'Reilly, Janet Pineau, Cathy Thomas, Bob Polard, Cindy Preston, Barb

Minden MNR employees also named in annual awards

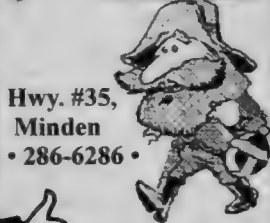
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The Ministry of Natural Resources had a very successful year this year, picking up the most Amethyst awards, over all other public service outlets. Several other Haliburton County residents were selected. Peter Hynard of Minden, along with Rob Spence of Bancroft, and Gary Schultz of Bracebridge received the award for leadership for their work on the Sustainable Forest Licence Team. The SFL negotiating process led to the successful transfer of forest management responsibilities from the Ministry of Natural Resources to the harvesters of the forest. This venture was the largest service delivery initiative in the history of the ministry.

As well the Haliburton Fire Centre and several Minden area office staff were members of a

team of 200 Professional Forest Fire Fighters, which was awarded a special Amethyst award for their hard work during the ice storm and spring flooding of Eastern Ontario in 1998. Local representatives include Cam McKenzie, Jim Caverlu, Ed Cyr, Carl Tooty, Dave Johnson, Gary Clemens, Carl Northey, Tom McEwen, Jim McEwen, J.D. Bishop, Chris Cowan, Brian Cox, Steve David, Gord Brown, Bruce Douglas, Brian Flanagan, Brent Flood, Greg Gibbons, Marc Gorr, Doug Jenkins, Scott, Milburn, Lee Thurston, Bill Watson, Jim Watson and Byron White.

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Errant gingerbread boy found at ASES

by Janet Shim, ASES Press Club

A cry was heard all over the school as Mrs. Dawson's kindergarten class searched frantically for their lost gingerbread men who went missing on Thursday, December third around 9:20 a.m.

After apparently getting bored, the gingerbread men took off, leaving behind clues to their whereabouts. This chase started off in the kindergarten classroom and then went on to Mr. Tom Dawson's grade seven classroom. A clue was found, leading the boys and girls to Mrs. Rosie Kenny's room in the office.

The kindergarten boys and girls went all over the school in search of the gingerbread men.

They eventually were led to Archie Stouffer's library. They found him sitting on a rocking chair waiting with some friends, ready to be decorated by the class.

Back in the classroom the children decorated their gingerbread people, using green, yellow, blue and white icing, as well as sprinkles and chocolate chips. These gingerbread people are currently being shown in the display case by the stairs near the foyer.



GINGERBREAD HUNTING: Zachary Harrison, left, high school helper Kristen Colliss and Myia Craig right helped hunt for the missing gingerbread men at ASES last week.

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This and that from HHSS

by HHSS Student Reporter Andrea Hughes

Another exciting, thrilling week at HHSS. Here are just a few of the things that are going on...

- Chocolate sales have started a little later than usual but they're doing well. There's a \$250 award for the person who sells the most chocolate. As usual, a lot of people are going in debt because they intend to sell the chocolate and then end up eating it themselves. Chocolate is a trap, never forget that.

- The OAC music class has just wrapped up the citrus fruit sales this week. A lot of us came close to overdosing on oranges and grapefruits, but honestly, that was the best fruit we've ever tasted (the grapefruits...!). The money we've earned from that is going toward swing dancing lessons for our class. If anyone's seen those GAP khakis swing commercials, well, that will be us soon, so look out.

- A debate was held on Thursday, December 10 to determine: "Is there a God, or isn't there?" Taking the theist side, among a couple of members of Breakaway, were HHSS students Jonathan Kegel and Nathan Hughes. On the opposing, atheist team, were HHSS teachers Mr. Penfold and Ms. Miller. It was an interesting debate. The theist side took the, "You want proof that

God exists? It's right here in the Bible!" approach, while the atheist side didn't reject the idea of God entirely, but refused to look at it in a conventional way. I think a lot of our darker sides were hoping for a Jerry Springer-esque brawl, but the debate was handled in an orderly manner. Of course the debate didn't prove or disprove the existence of God, as people tend to have their own beliefs no matter what they are told to believe (is this not a good thing?), but watching was fun.

- The Semi-Formal was December 11. Too late for this report so I'll write about that one next week. Seeing people dressed up is always neat and when you've got the Lady's Man for a date, how can you not be happy?

- Christmas assemblies are underway. They were planned for our new gym (which I've seen, by the way, and it's a monster! Nice hardwood floors, a "Pride of the Red" wall mural, and did I mention that it's gigantic?) but the lines aren't painted on the floors yet, so we have to settle for the old gym. The morning of the assembly, some students will be carolling at the Senior Citizen's home. Candy Grams, those charming pieces of red & green paper with a candy cane attached, are also on sale next week. The fun way to send a holiday greeting, just add candy and everyone's happy...

- And the last bit of news, only one more week of school before the holidays! No matter how good school happens to be, it's always nice when you get a break.

New friends for old teddy bears

Do you have a teddy bear that is looking for a new home? If you do then the Kinmount Baptist Church just might be able to help locate a place for your unwanted stuffed toy.

The church is collecting teddy bears for the Women's Resource Centre. The bears will be lovingly cared for and passed on to a child who needs the warmth and companionship that only a teddy bear can provide.

The Women's Resource Centre provides shelter, counselling and a referral service for abused women and children. The children sometimes arrive without their favourite stuffed toy and so it is hoped these teddy bears will help fill that void.

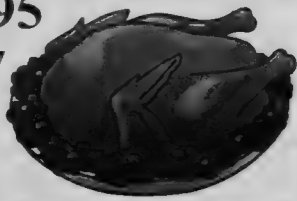
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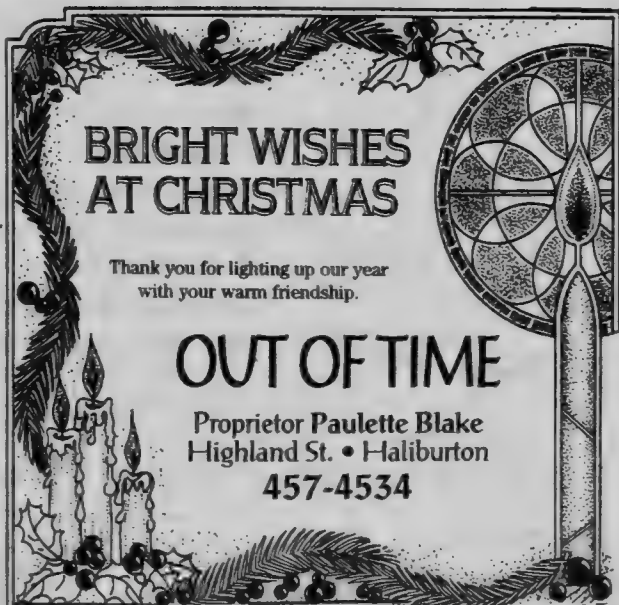


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The Food Bank food collection boxes are at Valu-Mart, IGA and at local churches. They are faced with a higher demand over this time last year. Please remember to donate! Money and other items for the Christmas Box Drive can be given through the CSSM. Contact Louise Leonard at 286-5162, Barb Walford-Davis at 286-2042 or Mary Hicks at 489-2297.

The Christmas Box Program provides food, toys, gift items, candies and winter clothing. Call the above numbers for drop off arrangements or mail donations to Box 182, Minden Ontario, K0M 2K0.

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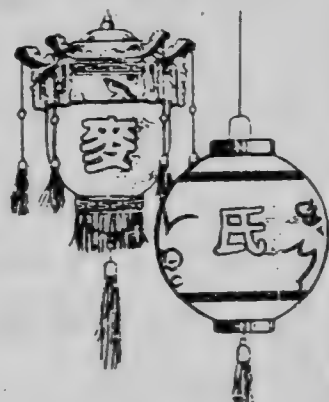
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section from County Road 121 to just south of Spring Valley Road.

Other areas of the construction section will be two lanes each way, with an additional turn lane at the junctions or intersections.

Lighting along the entire stretch will be improved, with street lights on both sides of the highway from Spring Valley Road to Horseshoe Lake Road One. Additional lighting will be added at the south junction of 121, as well.

Reeve Jeanne Anthon asked what type of lighting would be installed and Arcaro admitted he was not sure. He said he would forward that information as soon as he could confirm the type.

Some realignment will be necessary at the Bobcaygeon Road (Main Street) and at Newcastle Street. Traffic signal lights will be installed at Bobcaygeon Road, Newcastle Street and South Water Street. A left turn lane will be installed from Spring Valley Road to Main Street/Bobcaygeon Road. Some widening of South Water Street near the highway is also planned.

The current entrance to Prince Street will be closed prior to the highway improvements. It will be realigned to meet the highway at the business park,

across from Ridgewood Ford. Prince Street will be closed at the junction of Teasdale Street.

Arcaro pointed out that Horseshoe Lake Road One will have to be closed at the junction of Highway 35 for a period of one to two weeks so it can be brought up to the same level as the highway. The construction of a new four lane bridge over the Gull River will raise the grade of the highway by almost three metres. Horseshoe Lake Road One will have to be raised about two and a half metres to meet the level of the highway. Arcaro said the closure is expected to be in effect some time in the spring of the year 2000. A temporary two lane bridge will be installed on the down-river side of the current Highway 35 bridge while the new one is being built. The old bridge, which is now used for snowmobile traffic in the winter, will remain intact.

The improvements will necessitate the acquisition of some property. Negotiations and appraisals are currently under way.

Paul Hopkins, a downtown Minden merchant, asked Arcaro if it was too late to consider a traffic light at the north junction of 121. He pointed out that there have been several accidents at that corner and at least one fatality. Arcaro said that studies have indicated that a traffic light is not warranted at that loca-

tion. Hopkins noted the importance of preventing accidents, as opposed to controlling traffic flow. Arcaro said studies indicate that a new set of traffic lights has the affect of decreasing accidents for only a period of about two weeks, until people become accustomed to their presence.



With the long maps displayed on a set of easels, Joseph Arcaro, of Giffels Associates, explains the changes which are planned for Highway 35 over the next two years. The presentation was made at the December 10 meeting of the Anson, Hindon and Minden council.

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Wanakita hosts second annual Youth Forum

by Ariel White

Young people from across Haliburton County came together late last month to talk about what they want to see and do to make the Highlands a little more exciting.

More than 20 students met to discuss what, in their opinion needs to change in the area and how they could go about affecting those changes. The meeting for the discussion was the second annual Youth Forum held at Camp Wanakita.

"It was great," said Greg Shantz, one of the co-ordinators of the forum. "We made all kinds of plans and they are doing them already. Things are happening."

The Youth Forum brings together high school students from across the county to learn how to work as a team in order to accomplish their goals. The weekend was spent getting to know everyone in a non-school setting, through a series of trust exercises, problem solving challenge activities and finally sitting down and deciding what they want to see, and how they will achieve it.

This year's topics included the Haliburton Skateboard project, the Protocol Youth Centre and more recreational opportunities for youth across the county. One group is hoping to create a "Protocol 2", in Haliburton, patterned after the Minden site. The Minden Pro-

tol was closed due to a lack of volunteers, but has since reopened Thursday nights, with plans to expand the schedule once more volunteer supervisors come forward. A group of the Forum participants were busy working on plans for a second Battle of the Bands, to raise money for Protocol, after the success of their first concert.

The group spent Saturday getting to know one another through a series of co-operative activities, exploring the ropes courses and trust exercises. The participants were enthusiastic about the activities and had a decidedly good time. According to Shantz, the forum allowed youth to work on solutions to problems such as the lack of recreational activities and skateboarding in downtown areas of Minden and Haliburton. "By the end of the weekend, they found they could express themselves and the others would sit and listen to each others ideas," said Shantz.

Another important segment of the Youth Forum was to have a chance to speak with ten adults, who were eager to hear their ideas and solutions. "It was really good for the kids and the adults. We found we could connect. We gave the adults to opportunity not to complain but to help," said Shantz.

The participants realized that their many project ideas



Walking the line

Participants at the Haliburton County Youth Forum work their way through one of the ropes courses at Camp Wanakita.

cannot come to fruition without some sort of funding. They came up with the concept of organizing a fund-raising committee that would become the governing and financial body of youth development projects in Haliburton County and would present the concerns of youth to the appropriate parties.

The Youth Forum was considered by all volunteers and participants to be a success and plans are already under way for next year's conference. "It was just incredible. We trusted the kids to do this and they did it," said Shantz.

The weekend was organized by Family Services of Haliburton County with the help of the Haliburton and Minden Rotary Clubs, the Youth Development Committee, Camp Wanakita, and the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Protocol stereo system stolen

It's been pretty quiet at the Protocol Youth Centre this past week. The CD player, receiver and amplifier was stolen from the building.

According to Greg Shantz of Family Services, the sound system was stolen sometime be-

tween November 25 and December 3. Currently the centre is only open a day or two a week. When the supervisor opened the centre last week, she noticed that the equipment was missing.

"It's such a drag. The kids worked so hard for

this equipment," said Shantz. Fund-raising efforts went to the purchase of the sound system. It was especially disappointing," said Shantz as it appears that the thieves used a key to enter the building.

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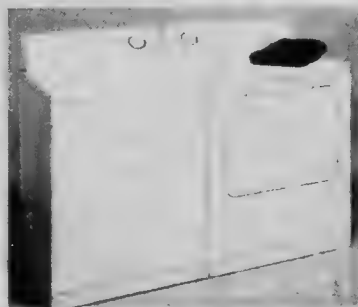
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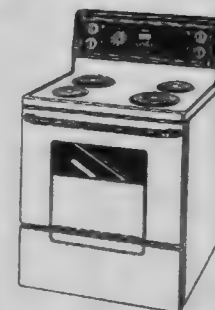


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Underpaid politicians

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I remind you there are those counties in Ontario where the province has made the decisions of restructuring and both the politicians and the public are not a "happy bunch"!

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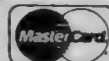
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The holiday season is upon us, and I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who stopped by the Christmas Teas held in Lindsay and Haliburton the weekend of December fifth and sixth. My wife Marie and I appreciated having the opportunity to meet with everyone, and enjoy the Christmas spirit.

I would hope that as 1998 winds down, we can enjoy a festive season full of fun and happiness. Unfortunately, say experts at the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, the festive season is often a time filled with incidents of carelessness and avoidable accidents.

I think that after having reflected on a few of the tips outlined below, we in Victoria and Haliburton will be more able to enjoy a safe and happy holiday.

- Have your wood burning fireplace and chimney professionally cleaned and inspected once a year. With the recent warm weather, many of us may not have used our fireplaces since last year. Don't light it until an inspection has been done. Aside from the danger of a fire starting in the chimney, any fuel-burning system that is not operating properly can become a deadly source of carbon monoxide. This "silent killer" as it is known, because of its colourless and odourless nature, can cause headaches, nausea, dizziness and even death. For a free brochure on the danger of carbon monoxide in the home, call 1-800-268-1142.

- Don't burn anything but newspaper, kindling, and dry, seasoned wood or quality commercial fire

logs. Christmas wrapping may give off toxic fumes when burned. Keep a spark screen in front of the fireplace and a smoke detector and a Class A fire extinguisher nearby. If you are planning to "hang the stockings with care" by the fireplace, make sure it hasn't been used for at least 12 hours.

- When buying new Christmas lights, before you buy them check to ensure they carry the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) seal of approval. Check the wires, sockets and bulbs of your old lights and replace worn strands. Never leave tree lights on when everyone is asleep or out of the house.

- Before making donations to charities, check them out carefully. To ensure that your kind gift will be used as intended, ask what percentage of the proceeds go directly to the charity, and how much goes to the promoter or administration. If you're not familiar with a charity, ask for full information in writing. Legitimate charities will be happy to supply you with all the details.

- Be especially cautious if you're approached for a donation, or told you've won a prize, by a telephone solicitor. Even those who offer a reference you can call to verify that they are legitimate may turn out to be a scam. Using advanced technology, they can divert calls made to another phone number back to their own telephones. Whether for a charitable donation, or a purchase, don't give credit information over the telephone unless you know the reputation of the caller. If you think you're being approached by a scam artist hang up, then report the incident to the fraud section of your local police service or to the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations at 1-800-286-142.

I would like to extend the warmest wishes from my family to you and yours. I look forward to continuing to work on your behalf in the New Year.

Queen's Park Report

by Chris Hodgson, MPP



CANCER INFO ON TAPE: Doreen Mutton of the Canadian Cancer Society and Dr. A. Hukowich, Medical Officer of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha and Pine Ridge District Health Unit, presented a series of video tapes to Haliburton County Public Librarian Joel Levis, centre. The videos, which discuss breast and cervical cancer, will be available to women across the county, in the hope of furthering education on women's health. The tapes deal with breast self examination, breast cancer and the importance of regular pap tests. According to Dr. Hukowich, almost every year one woman from Haliburton County dies from cervical cancer, a completely preventable form of cancer. For information on these educational videos, contact the Haliburton County Public Library.



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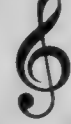
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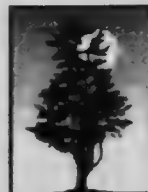
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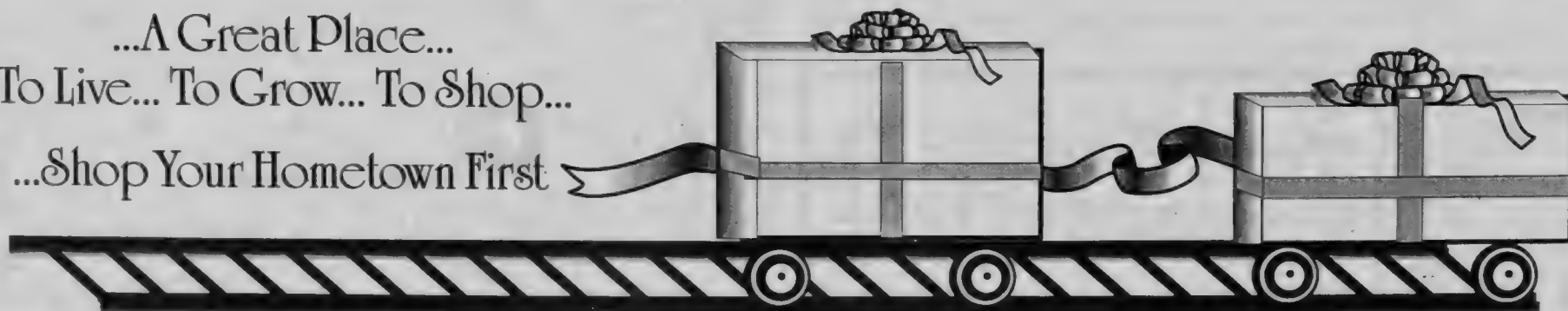
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A support group for parents and parents-to-be meets every second Thursday at the Baptist Church in Kinmount. Funded by Health Canada and sponsored by SIRCH in Haliburton, the group has been meeting since September.

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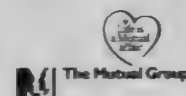
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New recommendations for natural health products

Canadians are taking more responsibility for their health, and one way they are showing it is through a growing interest in natural health products. These include traditional herbal medicine, traditional Chinese, East Indian and Native North American medicine, homeopathic preparations and vitamin and mineral supplements. In a poll by Health Canada in the summer of 1997, 56 per cent of respondents stated that they had used at least one natural health product over the last six months. A CTV-Angus Reid poll released at the same time showed that 67 per cent of Canadians want the federal government to regulate natural health products.

In 1997, the natural health products industry in Canada was valued between \$1.5 and \$2 billion. The industry is also growing rapidly - ten to 15 per cent a year.

The federal government wants to provide consumers with freedom of choice and access to natural health products that are safe and of high quality. In response to the growing popularity of natural health products, in 1997 the Minister of Health, Allan Rock, asked the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health to undertake a review of the legislation and regulations governing these products. The Committee was asked to make recommendations on the most effective way to strike the balance between freedom of choice and consumer safety.

The members of the Standing Committee heard from a wide variety of interested parties both in Canada and abroad, including groups representing consumers, doctors, manufacturers, retailers, distributors, wholesalers, importers and exporters. Public consultations, which began in February 1998, continued until May 1998.

Released November 4, 1998 the Standing Committee's report, "Natural Health Products: A New Vision", makes sweeping recommendations to change natural health product regulation in Canada. The report clearly states that natural health products have a

legitimate place in the range of products that Canadians consume to improve their health. The Committee recognizes a need to establish a clear definition of natural health products, a more flexible and transparent assessment process, as well as greater uniformity in enforcement measures.

Currently, homeopathic preparations, as

well as vitamin and mineral supplements are sold as drugs. Some herbal products are sold as foods while others are sold as drugs. Committee members also recommend the following:

- a new separate regulatory structure staffed by experts in various natural health products;
- a licensing process for manufacturers;
- safety assessments of specific products;
- guidelines for quality control;
- reasonable evidence for health claims;
- comprehensive labelling for consumers; and
- an accessible and effective appeal process.

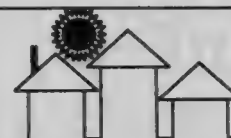
The federal government welcomed the Standing Committee's report. The Minister of Health, Allan Rock, fully supports the Committee's work.

"The Standing Committee Report, along with the report from the Advisory Panel on Natural Health Products, will assist greatly in the development of a revised regulatory framework for natural health products," the Minister said. "I will be moving quickly to put in place an appropriate regime to ensure Canadians have access to natural health products which are safe and of high quality."

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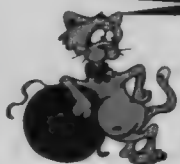


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Tipsy chefs in the kitchen?

Here we are again, back for another reporting of our news here. The pace is definitely picking up as Christmas approaches. We're sure the same goes for all of you.

Our week has been very enjoyable, beginning with our tea party last Thursday. A group of ladies from Norland hosted and provided us with some lovely treats. We had a fairly good crowd in attendance and we send out thanks to the ladies for being here. The following morning a group of us attended the Diners' Club meeting. Among the many things discussed was our choice of our monthly dinner for January. That afternoon the C & M Musicmakers were here and wonderfully entertained us at Happy Hour. We thoroughly enjoyed their music and thank them for coming and spending time with us.

Saturday was a very busy day here. It was our annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale. What a great turnout we had. There were certainly lots of wonderful items for sale and everybody was kept quite busy. Congratulations go out to the following winners: Don Alton, winner of our handmade quilt; Edna Taylor, winner of the Nativity scene; Robin Flood, winner of the songbird clock; and Pat Scott, winner of the Father Christmas. We wish to thank everyone who donated items for this event, all who volunteered their time and last but not least, all who came and purchased. With all this support we had a very successful sale and we are very grateful to all of you. Thanks again!

Reverend Burgess was here Sunday for his visitation. It is always good to see him. The day was very restful after such a busy Saturday. Later on during the day, we enjoyed our ice cream treats.

Our monthly resident council meeting took place on Monday. It was a very good meeting and we had a good crowd in attendance. Peter Fearrey, maintenance supervisor, was invited to attend and we discussed any related concerns we had. Of course, one of the reports given was on our very successful bazaar and bake sale. It was decided to have a Poinsettia delivered to Judy Stevenson in recognition of her many years of service here on resident council. Also a \$50 donation will be forwarded to the Health Services Foundation in memory of Alice Todd. After the meet-

ing, a delicious lunch was served by Dorie. All in all, a very good meeting.

That evening, the Salvation Army was here for their Christmas Service along with the band. There was a good crowd out to enjoy the beautiful music. The Salvation Army generously presented our home with a lovely Poinsettia, and a personal gift for every resident. We thank them for their kindness and appreciate the wonderful evening we shared

with them.

On Wednesday afternoon, a full Hyland Rover left here for the Minden Home Hardware store for our annual shopping trip. Many volunteers were with us to provide one on one help. As usual it was a very successful afternoon and we wish to thank the staff of Home Hardware for their kindness to us and for the treats we enjoyed before coming home. Of course it goes without saying, our thanks to the activity staff and the volunteers. In the evening, we enjoyed once more, the music of the Norland Hillbillies. It was their last night with us this year. Hope we get to see them in the new year.

Today as we write this, Marg (one of our many volunteers) has joined Peggy Packer and Bessie Burke in the kitchen. They are busy making rum balls and strawberry bars. Sounds interesting doesn't it? Of course we had to warn them, not too much sampling because we didn't want them too tipsy so early in the day. Our tea party today is scheduled to be hosted by the Allsaw Gospel Church.

Well, we have just about caught up on the news but we do have some announcements.

First we wish Albert Clarke a happy birthday for the 19th of December. Many thanks to our activity staff and any others who helped with all the wonderful Christmas decorations in our home. Everything looks so festive. We have heard that our "special trees" have been re-planted in their temporary home.

Our Christmas tree in the yard is being saved and is now decorated with beautiful lights.

And we are pleased to report that our Hibiscus is safe and it will definitely be kept in its original bed. We are very pleased about that.

Guess that's it. We will meet with you again next week. Until then, have a safe and happy week. Bye now!

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Around the County Town

by Nora Snyder (call 286-4450 or fax 286-4425)

Last week we were wondering if we would still be talking about the mild weather this week. It appears to have turned colder but still no snow. The winter sport businesses must be concerned about the lack of the white stuff so far, and I can empathize with them but I must admit I appreciate the ability to get around without worrying about driving in bad weather. I am a real chicken about winter driving!! Yesterday I drove up to Huntsville and noticed that ice was forming on the lakes. Winter is coming but very slowly.

I feel I must comment on the sad situation in our town. It was very gratifying to read the letters in support of Jane Cooper and the work she has done "to keep my children and all children safe from a growing problem", to quote her own words. I did not live in Minden when the assaults on the children took place and I don't know any of the details, but I am always most distressed when I hear of the assault of children. Our society too often turns away from the cruel realities of what happens to children. It seems sometimes that we don't care about the welfare of our vulnerable members of society. Therefore it is most assuring that in our community, the message was a clear "NO" to any behaviour that threatens our children and that so many people support Jane in her crusade. It is very difficult to go against the mainstream and fight for what you believe in. I am reading a book right now which discusses the assault of women and children in our society. The author writes... "the deeply rooted belief that difference justifies dominance, and that, I feel absolutely certain, is not a social or political problem at all. It is surely a spiritual issue of huge consequence." It is most important, in other words, that we understand the roots of this problem and why crimes against women and children happen and why we don't do much about it. Of course in the short term, there must be laws to protect children and to remove the offenders from society but we must also look into the long term and why these crimes occur and what they do to us spiritually as an individual who has been violated, to those who are affected as close family and friends and as the general members of society. I offer my support and gratitude to Jane Cooper for the work she is doing.

Isn't it quite amazing that our lives are made up of so many elements. In addition to the dark side, the troublesome side, there are the other day-to-day things going on at the same time. In that vein, congratulations are in order for Isabelle McDonald who was the

winner of the IGA gift certificate drawn at the Christmas Luncheon at our Lady of Fatima Church. Many thanks are also due to everyone who helped make this event such a success. I attended the luncheon and really enjoyed the wonderful soup, sandwiches and the goodies. I know I am going to add that luncheon to my list of "must do's" each Christmas season.

I hope you are all surviving well up to this point in the pre-Christmas rush. I appear to have my shopping done, except for a few little things for my grandson. I am thrilled with the main gift I have for him. (He can't read yet and his family live elsewhere so I think I can write about it here. I don't think they read me on The Times OnLine edition!!) I bought a wooden book/treasure box beautifully crafted by Ken Cleeland. Marion Hill painted a wonderful scene of a boy and his big Newfoundland dog standing on his Gran-nies' porch. I imagine the box by Clement's bed, containing his favourite books and "things". Thanks, to you both, for supplying me with my favourite gift this year!! My other "favourite" gift to give this year is the brown, embroidered, silk purse created by Chris Stender and bought for Clement's Mom, my daughter Liz. I want each of my three daughters to have one of these treasures. I bought it at Pritchard House where I got many of my other gifts. My son-in-law is receiving a beautiful scarf woven in the Haliburton Tartan by Ted Carson. Ted happened to be there as I bought it and told me how he had dyed the colours, etc. Lots of good gifts there again this year!!

SCORING NEWS

There are two weeks of scores for the group who play Bid Euchre at Stanhope. On Wednesday evening, December 2, there were no moonshots. Our trusty reporter Gala Stamp was the high scorer with an even 300!! Lottie Ruttan had 265; Marion Hill, (again proving to me what a good neighbour and friend she is), 264; Helen Lee, 258; and Helen Henderson coming in with 253.

Then on December 9, six moonshots were won, in sharp contrast to the week before. Marion Farr had a score of 247; Stan Dutka, 251; Bev Swick, 258; and Norm Lee, 273. Sharon Evans was top scorer with 280.

Sharon Evans was also the high scorer at Senior Bid Euchre at the Minden Legion on December 8. She also won the one and only moonshot!! What a card week for Sharon!! Isabel Cherwenka, Marcel Roussel and Ruth Kellett were the others with

the high scores. Pat Roussel found the hidden score. Smaller numbers out to play in the winter, but just as much fun!!

Catching-up this week on the Duplicate Bridge scores at Park Lane, played on December 2: in first place was Nick Lehoczky with Mike Collins; second, Mayme Douglas with Vera Carnochan; third, Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf.

At Echo Hills, playing Duplicate Bridge, on December 3, Mike Collins and Nick Lehoczky came in first, again!! Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher were second. Joan Aikerman and Vic Matthews came in third.

Then, at Stanhope, on December 8, playing Contract Bridge, it was an afternoon of low scores. Betty Roszell, who was back after a few weeks absence, and Muriel McIntosh shone with high scores of 5460 and 5060, way above all the other players, including Betty Dicker, who was third with 3900!! There were no "honourable mentions" as usual this week as all the other scores were "dishonourable"!! Muriel McIntosh and Chris Stender did manage to bid and make a small slam!! It looks like the cards had a mind of their own!!

The Friendship Club at St. Paul's had a great afternoon of Euchre last Monday, December 7. Play started at

1:30 p.m. Helen Lee won the 50/50 draw. High woman was Barbara Braithwaite; high man Pearl Cowen; low, Irene Fuhr; lone hands was taken by Isabel Cherwenka.

Also on Monday, December 7, Bid Euchre beginning at 7:30 p.m., at Club 35, Bev Swick won the 50/50 draw. Helen Windsor won lone hands. Verna Sawyer was high woman and Bill Cowen was high man. Jean Randell and Peter Farr took the low scores. Bev Swick took the baloney and the special award of the evening went to Bill Jordan.

Over at Lochlin, last Tuesday, December 8, starting at 7:30 p.m., Euchre was great, with May Hicks and Earl Schellenberg taking the high and low scores for the women. Men's high and low were won by Orval Francis and Don Hicks, respectively. Dorothy McElwain took lone hands. Don Curry won the 50/50 draw.

Finally, at the Minden Legion on December 3, Elva Paisley and Roy McDonald won most lone hands for the women and men. Iris Taylor and Orval Francis got the high scores. Elaine Blakey and Norm Lee took low scores. Other prizes were won by Jayne Cooper, Vi Edgson, Helen Skelding and May Bradbury.

Here's wishing you all a good week of cards and other activities.

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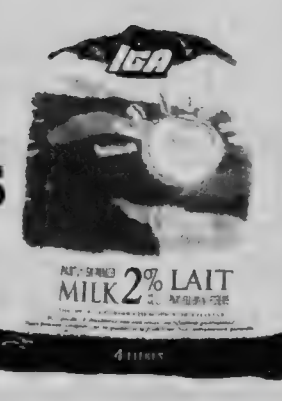
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AT REST

RAINEY, J.E. (Ted)

Passed away at home after a three year battle with cancer on Wednesday, December 9th, 1998. Loving husband and best friend of 32 years to Karen Tabernor. Loving father to Elaine and her husband Guy Foster, Lindsay and her husband Patrick Regina, Papa to Nicole and Johnpatrick Regina and Samantha Foster. Special Papa to Austin Kember. Loving son to Evelyn and the late John Mervyn Rainey. Brother of Larry and his wife Elaine, brother in law to Donna and Ron Jarvis, Heather Elliott and Ted and Debbie Tabernor. Son-in-law to Lorraine Tabernor. Ted was a 33 year employee of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 20 year volunteer with Markham Kiwanis, long time summer and winter resident of Twelve Mile Lake, Minden. Funeral Services were held at Central United Church, Unionville on Friday, December 11, 1998. Interment Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Toronto Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre, 2075 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, M4N 3M5 or the Salvation Army, Markham Corps., would be appreciated. "Many battles were fought But the War rages on" Help Fight Cancer.

DAVIS, J. Garnet "Garnie"

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Sunday, December 6th, 1998. In his 77th year. Beloved husband of Wanda. Dear father of Jim and his wife Bernie, John and his wife Debi, Lonnie and his wife Judy, Lockie and his wife Denise, Autumn and her husband Bill Robinson, Wendy and her husband Mike Iles. Loving grandfather of Deneena, Dustin, Mandi, Amy, Carly, Clay, Gaten, Vanessa, Adam, Branden, Christopher and Tessa. Dear brother of Velma "Chub" Stevenson, Lois and her husband Mervin Barry and predeceased by his brother Arnold and sister Mabel. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Monday. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Tuesday, December 8th, 1998 at 1 p.m. Interment Bethel Cemetery. Reception followed at the Minden United Church (downstairs). Memorial donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

CARR, Reata (nee McPhail)

Passed away peacefully at the John Noble Home, Brantford on Tuesday, December 8th, 1998. In her 91st year. Beloved wife of the late Percy McPhail and the late Ganton Carr. Dear mother of Marjorie (Don) Sisson of Haliburton, Violet (John) Balcomb of Walsingham, Cora (Cecil) Moorehead of Kitchener, predeceased by daughters Wilda Priest and Betty Weber. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 8-9 p.m. Thursday. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Friday, December 11, 1998 at 11 a.m. Interment Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. Reception followed at the Maple Lake United Church (downstairs). Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

RICHARDSON Ronald

(Resident of Coboconk, Ontario)

At Ross Memorial Hospital on Saturday evening, December 5, 1998 in his 69th year. Beloved husband of Margaret Hannivan. Loving father of Mary Lou of Aurora, Sharron (Russ Walsh) of Whitby, Geoffrey (Lorri) of Lindsay and Jenny (Jason) of Aurora. Lovingly remembered by three grandchildren, Matthew, Brett and Lauren. Dear brother of Arnold and his wife Phyllis of Coboconk and Velda Harrison of Carnarvon. Predeceased by his brother Alfred. The family received friends at Christ Church Anglican, Coboconk on Tuesday morning December 8, 1998 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service at 11 o'clock. Interment St. Thomas Anglican Church Cemetery, Kirkfield. As expressions of sympathy donations to Christ Church Memorial Fund would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Coboconk Community Funeral Home, Coboconk, Ontario (1-800-833-4342).

IN MEMORIAM

BONNER, Sally - In loving memory of a precious "God-mother" who passed away December 17, 1996.

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And whispered "Come to Me".
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